



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, SCHWEINFURT  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

IMEU-SWF-SO

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum 9-1, Dangerous Dogs

1. References:

- a. Memorandum HQ USAREUR, USAREUR Policy on Importing and Registering Dogs, 5 Feb 02
- b. Bavarian Law, BayRs 2011-2-I, Keeping Dangerous Dogs, 1992.
- c. Amendment to BayRs 2011-2-7-I 4, Keeping Dangerous Dogs, Sep 02

2. Per above reference, to own the following dogs is against the law:

Pit-Bull	Bandog
American Staffordshire Bullterrier	Staffordshire
Bullterrier Tosa-Inu	

This includes dogs mixed with any of the above breeds. Proving the breed of a dog is the owner's responsibility.

3. We consider the following dogs aggressive or dangerous until proven otherwise. These breeds are:

Alano	American Bulldog	Bullmastiff
Bullterrier	Cane Corso	Dog Argentino
Dogue de Bordeaux	Fila Brasileiro	Mastiff
Mastin Espanol	Mastino Napoletano	Perro de Presa
Canario (Dogo Canario)	Perro de Presa Mallorquin	Rottweiler

The owner is responsible for proving the dog's pedigree. Register these dogs immediately upon arrival in Germany registration costs are minimal. A German veterinarian must perform a temperament test on these breeds prior to registration which the dog owner is responsible for paying. There is also a charge for this testing. The dog must be at least three months old in order to be temperament tested.

4. You can register the dogs at the following registration offices:

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This policy memorandum is effective immediately and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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a. Schweinfurt:

Amt für öffentliche Ordnung und Umweltfragen  
(Office for Safety and Environment)  
Schulte Str. 19  
97421 Schweinfurt

b. Wuerzburg:

Amt fuer oeffentliche Ordnung  
(Office for Safety and Environment)  
Beim Grafeneckart 1  
97070 Wuerzburg

c. All other communities:

Rathaus (City Hall), Amt für öffentliche Ordnung und Umweltfragen  
(Office for Safety and Environment).

5. We will hold dog owners liable for any incidents associated with their dogs. The fines for violations of the Bavarian law on keeping dangerous dogs are steep and vary from town to town. The NATO-SOFA does not prevent U.S. Forces personnel from paying these fines. Furthermore, the owner of the dog is liable for any incidents associated with the dog, no matter whether the incident was due to the owner's fault or not.


6. Personnel in the USAG Schweinfurt owning a dog of one of the above breeds must take action to immediately register that dog per instructions of this Policy Memorandum. If the owner cannot overcome the presumption, the dog is aggressive or dangerous the owner must release it to someone "entitled" to have such a dog or the German authorities will put the dog to sleep.

7. The POC is Mr. Sauer, USAG Schweinfurt, Safety Office at 354-1670.

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## Content of the Expert's Opinion

The expert's opinion should include the following information as to the nature of the dog and the conditions under which it is kept:

1. Events that had influence on the nature and the character of the dog since it reached sexual maturity (for example: Status of training, if the dog has successfully completed training, odd behavior that attracts attention, behavior that could be a safety hazard)
2. The purpose of the dog (for example: family dog or watchdog) and the animal's characteristics the holder fosters.
3. Conditions of the holder's property (fenced in, running free or kept in a kennel) and other conditions, which may be relevant to the development of the dog's nature.
4. The dog's behavior toward strange persons at the dog holder's place.
5. The dog's behavior toward strange persons outside the dog holder's place (for example: Children, bikers and joggers) and in traffic, on the leash and off the leash in a known and unknown environment.
6. The reaction of the dog following commands (i.e. sit, lay-down, heel) when on the leash and/or running lose
7. How well it walks on the leash.
8. The behavior of the dog towards other dogs and animals (i.e. cats, pigeons, rabbits, etc.) when on the leash and/or running lose
9. The behavior of the dog when it is exposed to unknown optical or acoustical stimuli
10. The behavior of the dog towards the dog holder and other persons who take care of him in different situations.
11. Suggestions for preventive measures IAW article 18, paragraph 2 LStVG if the characteristics of a fighting dog are negative or if the characteristics of a fighting dog have been confirmed.
12. Outside of the holder's premises the dog must be kept on a leash, resistant to tearing, with a non-slip-off collar and a muzzle by a responsible person who is able to lead the dog. The dog is only allowed to run lose with a muzzle and outside of residential areas.
13. For security reasons it has to be guaranteed that the dog is kept secured by keeping him in a kennel, or in a fenced in area with locks. This means that the dog will not be able to leave the property without supervision, and that he is not able to harm any person who is authorized to be on the property.

### **Minimum Requirements for Registration:**

1. Date of the expert's opinion (certificate).
2. Date, duration and place of the examination.
3. Name and address of the owner and holder as well as names of the persons who are keeping the dog on behalf of the holder.
4. Description of the dog (race, DOB, sex, if available descent, name of the dog, color, insignia).
5. Proof of identity (tattoo/chip) photo.
6. Place(s), where the dog is kept most of the time (address of the dog holder).
7. Result of the examination. "The animal has been assessed to be/not to be a dog with increased aggressiveness and dangerousness".
8. Proof of pet-owners liability insurance.